

The Life Challenge

"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." John 10:10

Series: Spirit Led. Mission Driven.
Title: Being Spirit Led.

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WARM-UP

We concluded our series in Acts called Spirit Led, Mission Driven this week. Every speaker has been looking at what it means to be led by the Holy Spirit. Are you listening to the nudges of God in your life? What one thing has stood out to you most from all the messages in this series?

DISCUSSION

1. In verse 16 Paul is 'greatly distressed'. Is this a prompting of the Holy Spirit or just a human reaction? How do you know what is from the Holy Spirit in your life?
2. Paul talks to the Epicurean philosophers (who were atheists and denied God's existence) and Stoic Philosophers (who were pantheists - they believed everything was God). Is this any different than our society today? Does this make this conversion more relevant to how we as Christians are in the world today? Or less relevant?
3. How does Paul talk to them? Read verses 22-30 as a group and note how he weaved in the language common to them with the gospel. What makes this conversation unique?
4. As a group stop and pray to ask, what the Holy Spirit wants to show you. Have some time of silence to do this and listen to His voice. Lord, what do you want to show me?
5. Share with each other what you heard or sensed.
6. It's a challenge to speak to others about Jesus, but Paul never seems discouraged by the three responses he got (verses 32-34). Some mocked, some wavered and some believed. They are not rejecting or believing in Paul, but in who Jesus is. What is God saying to you about this?

DISCUSSION

APPLICATION: What was the last thing the Holy Spirit said to you? What has happened since that time? Do you need to go back and do something or think differently? Maybe He was encouraging you, so are you living in that word? The Christian life is simple, but not easy. Listen to God through the Holy Spirit and do what he says. Share how this is going and then pray as a group, as you feel led.